



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Vocations Sunday)

Sunday 8th May 2022

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LITURGY AND OUTREACH FROM SUNDAY 8th – 15th MAY 2022

A livestream of Mass is available on the "St Joseph's, Kilmarnock" YouTube channel.

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention
Saturday 7th	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass (with Children's Liturgy)	Jim Clark (RIP)
Sunday 8th	11.00 am	Mass (with Children's Liturgy)	Joe Davidson (RIP)
	6.00 pm	Vigil Reception of Agnes Lennon, RIP	
Monday 9th	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for Agnes Lennon, RIP	Agnes Lennon (RIP)
Tuesday 10th	10.00 am	Mass	Sean McKean (RIP)
	12.00 noon	Organ Recital by Andrew Forbes (of Glasgow Cathedral)	
	2.00 pm	Recitation of the Rosary to pray for peace	
Wednesday 11th		No Mass or Rosary today in St Joseph's	
	10.00 am	Requiem Mass of Agnes Drew, RIP in St Paul's, Hurlford	
Thursday 12th	6.00 pm	Mass	Lizzie Johnston (Ann)
Friday 13th	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for Catherine Ferris, RIP	Catherine Ferris (RIP)
Saturday 14th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass (with Children's Liturgy)	Peter Flanagan (RIP)
Sunday 15th	11.00 am	Mass (with Children's Liturgy)	Stephen Grant (RIP)

The church will be open for prayer Monday to Friday from 10 am until 4 pm. Enter through small side door.

A SECOND SYNOD ENCOUNTER: After the successful Synod encounter in February, the diocesan steering group has identified some of the main themes and invites people to come together again to discuss a way to implement the findings of the first Synod encounter. The meeting will take place on Monday 9th May at 7.00 pm in St Joseph's Church hall. You are encouraged to take part and, even if you did not attend the first encounter, your contribution will be valued and appreciated.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ: The Community Café has restarted on Tuesdays from 11 am to 1 pm. The Café provides a welcome opportunity to meet and share home-made soup, sandwiches and home baking and to chat and all are welcome. Your support will help others as we seek to re-open opportunities for people to meet as pandemic restrictions reduce.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE: Our parishioners Agnes Lennon, Catherine Ferris and Margaret McAllister have died. The funeral arrangements for Agnes and Catherine are given above. The funeral Mass for Margaret McAllister will take place on Monday

30th May at 10 am. Please pray for the repose of their souls and for their bereaved families.

175th ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOLEMN OPENING OF ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH: The church was solemnly opened at a Mass celebrated by Bishop John Murdoch, Vicar Apostolic of the Western District, on Sunday 13th June 1847.

The 175th anniversary of this date will be marked by celebrating Mass on **Monday 13th June 2022 at 7.00 pm**. All are welcome and refreshments will be served in the hall afterwards.

In addition to marking the date of the anniversary, a number of events are being planned during the 175th anniversary year.

These include:

- A talk on the history of the parish by Dr Raymond McCluskey on **Monday 6th June at 7 pm**.
- A video record of interviews of parishioners about the life of the parish.
- A photographic exhibition in the church hall (see appeal below).

Hall bookings: Margaret McGrath (01563 542130)

Safeguarding co-ordinator: Margaret McGrath (01563 542130)

Crosshouse and Ayr Hospitals: In emergencies ask hospital staff to page on-call priest chaplain. For regular visiting:

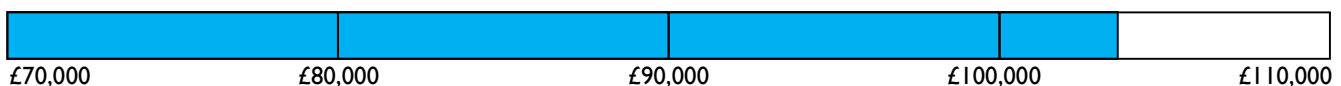
Crosshouse Hospital: Fr Stephen McGrattan (crosshousehospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or 01563 521832)

Ayr Hospital: Deacon Robert Mackie (ayrhospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or 07703 751403)

Standing orders: £725.69. **Weekly collection:** £809.20. **Building fund:** £95. **Holy Places:** £25.

SCIAF: £61.93. **Xaverian Fathers:** £10. **Communications Sunday:** £10. **SVDP:** £20. **Church Students Fund:** £10.

Organ Restoration Fund total to date: £103,288.74.



Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

- A Family Fun Day in August 2022.
- The restoration of the pipe organ (September-December 2022) and organ recitals as indicated below, as well as another organ recital series in 2023 on the newly restored instrument.
- A parish pilgrimage to view the organ restoration process in the Harrison & Harrison factory in Durham, and hopefully another pilgrimage to a holy place abroad.
- A dinner dance on **Friday 28th April 2023 – please save the date.**
- A drama to be performed depicting our parish story.
- Faith renewal and outreach to those most in need.

The Parish Pastoral Council with Fr McGrattan will be drawing the anniversary programme together throughout the year and inviting people to participate as fully as possible. It is hoped that these events will help rebuild community life in St Joseph's as the pandemic restrictions are reduced.

Paul Nicholson, Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council, will speak at the end of Masses this weekend about the Anniversary Year events.

Appeal for the 175th Anniversary Photographic Exhibition: A photographic display will be exhibited during the month of June in the church hall. You are invited to contribute photographs old and new, of the building and of social and religious events, which tell the story of the life of St Joseph's parish. All photographs will be returned. Please place photographs in an envelope with your name and address clearly indicated, and also write your name, even in pencil, on the back of the photographs. They can be handed in either to the parish house, or at the shop in the porch.

SCIAF BOXES: If you have collected money in a SCIAF Wee Box then please return it to church as soon as possible.

SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION TRAINING: Part 1 Safeguarding Induction training will be held in St Joseph's hall on Sunday, 5th June, 12.30 – 2.00 pm. Anyone who has recently volunteered for a ministry which requires a PVG must attend this training before the diocese can approve them to begin in their ministry. If you are not sure whether you need to attend, please either speak to Margaret McGrath, Parish Safeguarding Coordinator, who will be able to advise you, or email Helena Rameckers, Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, at safeguarding.adviser@gallowaydiocese.org.uk.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY: The hospital chaplains of Crosshouse and Ayr Hospitals are pleased to visit patients on request. Chaplains are not automatically notified when a Catholic patient is admitted so self-referral is required. For general visiting in Crosshouse Hospital please contact Fr Stephen McGrattan at crosshousehospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or on 01563 521832. For general visiting in Ayr Hospital please contact Deacon Robert Mackie on ayrhospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or on 07703 751403. For the urgent or emergency assistance of a chaplain please ask the hospital staff to page the priest on call.

RELAXATION OF RESTRICTIONS: From next Sunday the collection bags will be passed around to replace the boxes at the back of the church.

It is no longer required by law to wear face coverings in public places. Some people will choose to continue with this mitigation and this should be respected.


VOCATIONS SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION: A special collection will be taken up for the training of seminarians for priesthood at Masses this weekend. Please use the envelope from your envelope set or leave the donation in the Special Collection box at the back of the church.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO PRIESTHOOD: To be a priest in Scotland today is "a life worth living" and a path worth taking. So give it some quiet thought. It can be a challenging life but it can also be a very rewarding life where you are able to make a difference in the lives of others. The invitation to "make disciples of all the nations" is a command to each one of us. Are you thinking about becoming a priest? For more information visit priestsforScotland.org.uk, speak to Fr Stephen, or contact the Diocesan Vocations' Director Fr Martin Chambers at martin.chambers@gallowaydiocese.org.uk.

ORGAN RECITAL SERIES: We are pleased to be able to extend the 2022 Organ Recital Series into August. The upcoming recitals for your diary are:

ST JOSEPH'S, KILMARNOCK
THE HARRISON & HARRISON ORGAN (1903)

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Recitalist:
Andrew Forbes
(Glasgow Cathedral)

Tuesday 10 May at 12 noon
St Joseph's Church, 15a Hill Street,
Kilmarnock, KA3 1HB

A one hour organ recital featuring a programme of music on the church's 1903 Harrison & Harrison pipe organ.

Admission Free

Retiral Collection in aid of the St Joseph's Church Organ Restoration Project

No booking required - Just come along

Thereafter,
Saturday 11 June at 7.30 pm
Martin Baker, President (2017-19), Royal College of Organists
Saturday 16 July at 7.30 pm
Alessandro Bianchi, St Edward's Church, Lugano, Switzerland
Tuesday 23 August at 12 noon
Greg Abrahams, Freelance Recitalist

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK							
	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 7 May 8.30 pm	F Donachie, E Heron, R Heron	A Gorman	Joseph, Julia, Ben, Sofie, Lexi, Maia		tbc	Anne, Michael	IHM Sisters
Sunday 8 May 11.00 am	P Nicholson, G McGee, H Matthews	A Smith	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Dominika, Aidan	Anne & Gerry Smith	J Rameckers H Rameckers	Eileen, Dennis	IHM Sisters
Saturday 14 May 6.00 pm	M Kirk, K McGhee, H Rameckers	C Power	Joseph, Julia, Ben, Sofie, Lexi, Maia		tbc	Claire, Margaret	H Rameckers
Sunday 15 May 11.00 am	T Murphy, E Bohan, L Hand	R Murphy	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Dominika, Aidan	Anne & Michael Timmons	IHM Sisters, Emma King	Theresa, Alan	H Rameckers